

**Ways &
Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: June 9, 2020 – 4:30
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by dialing 1-646-558-8656,
Meeting ID 998 7574 9297
PRESIDING OFFICER: Lynn Archer, Chairwoman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Amber Feaster, and Jay Mahler
PRESENT: Legislators Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. (arrived at 4:43 PM),
Tracey Bartels, John Gavaris, Heidi Haynes; Mary Beth
Maio (arrived at 4:35 PM), Eve Walter, and Legislative
Chairman Donaldson
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Manna Jo Greene, Jonathan Heppner, and Laura
Petit; Legislative Counsel, Christopher Ragucci; Deputy County
Executives, Marc Rider, John Milgrim, and Evelyn Wright;
Comptroller, March Gallagher; Deputy Comptroller, Christopher
Quirk; Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella; Confidential
Secretary to the Chair of the Legislature, Laurie Lichtenstein;
Adam Doan, Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District;
Mid-Hudson News; Kingston Library; Chris Silva, UPAC;
Karen Goertzel, resident

- **Chairwoman Archer called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM**

Motion No. 1: To approve the May 12, 2020 Regular Meeting, May 19, 2020 Regular Meeting, and May 11, 2020 Special Joint Meeting Minutes

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, and Walter, and
Legislative Chairman Donaldson
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 2: To discuss Resolution No. 191—Establishing A Policy For Funding Non-County Organizations –Ulster County Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution adopts a Policy for Appropriating Funding to Non-County Organizations, and resolves that any non-county organization with funding appropriated by the Ulster County Legislature shall adhere to accountability standards and procedures set by the Legislature and as required by law, including compliance with applicable financial, performance measurement, and any additional reporting requirements, deadlines, and deliverables stated in the County contract.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: Members confirmed that a document containing changes has not yet been circulated.

Motion No. 3: To postpone Resolution No. 191—Establishing A Policy For Funding Non-County Organizations –Ulster County Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution adopts a Policy for Appropriating Funding to Non-County Organizations, and resolves that any non-county organization with funding appropriated by the Ulster County Legislature shall adhere to accountability standards and procedures set by the Legislature and as required by law, including compliance with applicable financial, performance measurement, and any additional reporting requirements, deadlines, and deliverables stated in the County contract.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Postponed

Motion No. 4: To discuss Resolution No. 194 – Authorizing Distribution Of Mortgage Tax Receipts Pursuant To Section 261 Of The Tax Law

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the apportionment as presented for the period October 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 and authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to pay the Comptroller of the City of Kingston, the Treasurer of the three villages, and the respective Supervisors of the twenty towns of the County of Ulster the amounts designated therein.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, and Walter, and
Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Postponed

Motion No. 5: To approve Resolution No. 195 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County –Gateway Community Industries, Inc. –Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Gateway Community Industries, Inc. to increase the amount of funding provided by NYS OMH, OASAS & OPWDD from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for an additional \$197,179.00, making the contract total \$2,722,544.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, and Walter, and
Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 6: To discuss Resolution No. 196 –Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County –The Trustees Of Columbia University In The City Of New York –Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York to increase funding from the Healing Communities Grant from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2023 for an additional \$501,853.26, making the contract total \$791,503.26.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: Legislator Bartels asked if questions previously circulated had been answered. Chairwoman Archer stated that a response was received minutes prior to the start of the meeting, asking if the County is funding a portion of the program citing discrepancies between the contracts' values and the Resolution's. Discussion pursued on the program's funding and the correlating contractual amendments.

Motion No. 7: To postpone Resolution No. 196 –Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County –The Trustees Of Columbia University In The City Of New York –Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York to increase funding from the Healing Communities Grant from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2023 for an additional \$501,853.26, making the contract total \$791,503.26.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Postponed

Motion No. 8: To approve Resolution No. 197 –Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Contract Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County –James McGuinness & Associates, Inc.–Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with James McGuinness & Associates, Inc. to extend the term of agreement and increase funding for software maintenance and support for software in use by the County's Preschool Program from December 31, 2019 through December 31, 2020 for an additional \$27,500.00, making the contract total \$285,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 9: To approve Resolution No. 198 –Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County –Tyler Technologies, Inc. – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to extend the term of agreement for Public Safety Enterprise software support and maintenance from July 31, 2020 through July 31, 2021 for an additional \$289,910.92, making the contract total \$854,009.94.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 10: To approve Resolution No. 199–Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County –United Way of Ulster County Inc. –Office Of Employment And Training

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with United Way of Ulster County, Inc. for payroll services for the Summer Youth Employment Program from July 15, 2020 through October 31, 2020 for \$324,935.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: Legislator Bartels confirmed that this is program is reimbursed with Federal funding, and that hiring will be redirected if a business remains closed.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson
Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 11: To approve Resolution No. 200—Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County –United Way of Ulster County Inc. –Office Of Employment And Training

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with United Way of Ulster County, Inc. for payroll services for the Year-Round Youth Employment Program from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$70,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 12: To approve Resolution No. 201—Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County –Halwick Law, LLC –Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Halwick Law, LLC from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 for legal services for seniors in the amount of \$56,250.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 13: To approve Resolution No. 202—Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County –Gateway Community Industries, Inc. D/B/A Gateway Hudson Valley –Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Gateway Community Industries, Inc. D/B/A Gateway Hudson Valley between June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2023 for the senior home delivered meals program in the amount of \$2,625,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 14: To approve Resolution No. 203—Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County –Cornell Cooperative Extension Of Ulster County –Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for a grant for the replacement of the Maltby Hollow Bridge in the amount of \$150,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 15: To approve Resolution No. 204—Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County –Cornell Cooperative Extension Of Ulster County –Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for a grant for the replacement of the Watson Hollow Culvert in the amount of \$52,500.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 16: To approve Resolution No. 205–Approving The Execution Of A Contract InExcess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County –SAFECO Alarm Systems, Inc. –Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with SAFECO Alarm Systems, Inc. from July 1, 2020 through August 26, 2024 for building fire and security alarm system maintenance and monitoring in the amount of \$220,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 17: To approve Resolution No. 206–Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County –Geostabilization International, LLC –Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Geostabilization International LLC to extend the term of agreement for slope stabilization soil nailing from June 30, 2020 through June 30, 2021 for rates anticipated to be greater than \$50,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 18: To approve Resolution No. 207—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Continue The Drinking Water Enhancement Program –Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute a five-year contract and any amendments thereto, for the period April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2025 in the amount of \$1,009,095.00 with the New York State Department of Health to continue the Drinking Water Enhancement Program.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 19: To discuss Resolution No. 208—Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept HEALing Communities Study Funding And Create Positions –Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2020 Ulster County Budget to create and fund three new positions and to fund the Professional Services Other line in the amount of \$90,156.00, and to increase Other Health Department Income Revenues, for a total budgetary increase of \$376,390.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion:

Legislator Bartels suggested postponing the Resolution to provide time to answer questions, asking how positions were created in April, prior to the creation or approval of a Resolution. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider confirmed that the positions were created prior to April, stating that the salaries were covered by a prior-year grant. Chairman Donaldson asked who created the salaries. Deputy County Executive Rider stated that they were decided in conjunction with various municipalities. Legislator Bartels asked if the positions were created without the Legislature’s approval. Deputy County Executive Rider answered yes, the positions were created from vacant positions which were transferred to new titles and salary ranges without prior approval. Legislator Walter questioned variances between the associated contractual values and the Resolution’s values, and asked why the entire Data Surveillance Coordinator salary is included in the Resolution when it is not reimbursable in full by the grant. Discussion pursued on these discrepancies. Further discussion pursued on amending the Resolution to state “private funding” rather than “other funding”.

Motion No. 20: To postpone Resolution No. 208–Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept HEALing Communities Study Funding And Create Positions –Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2020 Ulster County Budget to create and fund three new positions and to fund the Professional Services Other line in the amount of \$90,156.00, and to increase Other Health Department Income Revenues, for a total budgetary increase of \$376,390.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Postponed

Motion No. 21: To approve Resolution No. 209–Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept Supplemental Public Health Emergency Preparedness Funding From New York State Department of Health for COVID-19 Crisis Response –Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2020 Ulster County Budget to increase Regular Pay, Overtime Pay, Social Security, Retirement, Health Insurance, and Federal Aid for a total budgetary increase of \$15,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 22: To approve Resolution No. 210–Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept Supplemental Public Health Emergency Preparedness Funding From New York State Department Of Health For Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Activities –Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2020 Ulster County Budget to increase Regular Pay, Overtime Pay, Social Security, Retirement, Health Insurance, Office Supplies, Program Supplies, Travel, Postage, Printing, Professional Services – Interpreting, and Federal Aid, for a total budgetary increase of \$211,635.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 23: To approve Resolution No. 211 –Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Funds From The Redlich Horwitz Foundation To Support Virtual Family Connectivity Within The Foster Care Program –Department Of Social

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2020 Ulster County Budget to increase Professional Services Other Fees and Departmental Income Other Economic Assistance and Opportunity Income in the amount of \$20,000.00 in response to the receipt of notification of an

award from the Redlich Horwitz Foundation to enhance remote connectivity and support virtual family-driven care to families and youth in the County's Foster Care Program.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 24: To approve Resolution No. 212—Setting A Public Hearing On Tentative Budget Of Ulster County Community College For The Year 2020-2021 To Be Held On Tuesday, July 14, 2020 At 6:30 PM

Resolution Summary: This Resolution sets a public hearing on the Tentative Budget of Ulster County Community College for the Year 2020-2021 to be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Ulster County Office Building, 6th Floor, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 25: To approve Resolution No. 213—Approving A Voluntary Retirement Incentive For Eligible Ulster County Community College Faculty Members –SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the President of SUNY Ulster to have the discretion to offer a retirement incentive offering a 40% payment of the faculty member's base salary to be paid as a lump sum to eligible employees.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 26: To approve Resolution No. 214 –Approving A Voluntary Retirement Incentive For Eligible Ulster County Community College Professional Staff Members –SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the President of SUNY Ulster to have the discretion to offer a retirement incentive offering a 10% payment of a professional staff member’s base salary to be paid as a lump sum to eligible employees.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 27: To approve Resolution No. 215–Supporting A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Apply, Accept And Administer 5307 Urbanized Area Funds And 5307 Funds Transferred From The Rural Transportation Assistance Program-Section 5311(b)(3) Under The Coronavirus Aid, Relief And Economic Security (CARES) Act For Operating Costs And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding –Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the County Executive to execute any required applications or agreements and any amendments to any documents to accept a funding agreement with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for allocations of funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act which directly allocated funding to UCAT based on urbanized area formula funding in the amount of \$4,999,882.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 28: To approve Resolution No. 216—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Ulster County Board Of Cooperative Educational Services To Provide A Deputy Sheriff As A School Resource Officer –Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the Ulster County BOCES to provide a Deputy Sheriff to serve as a School Resource Officer for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 29: To approve Resolution No. 217—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Onteora Central School District To Provide A Deputy Sheriff As School Resource Officer –Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the Onteora Central School District to provide a Deputy Sheriff to serve as a School Resource Officer for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 30: To approve Resolution No. 218—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Rondout Valley Central School District To Provide Two Deputy Sheriffs As School Resource Officers –Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign an agreement with the Rondout Valley Central School District to provide two Deputy Sheriff’s to serve as a School Resource Officer for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 31: To approve Resolution No. 219 –Establishing Capital Project No. 571 –Sheriff Live Scan Upgrade –Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 571 to upgrade the Live Scan equipment and software, due to the current system no longer being supported, for a cost of \$125,000 with \$70,000 of reimbursement from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 32: To approve Resolution No. 221—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services -Project Live Scan -Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the purposes of participating in the mandatory Live Scan upgrade.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 33: To approve Resolution No. 222—Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Properties To The Original Owners –Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the conveyance of County-owned properties to the original owners.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 34: To approve Resolution No. 223—Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 2 Of 2006 (A Local Law Adopting A County Charter Form Of Government For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York) And Amending Local Law No. 10 Of 2008 (A Local Law Adopting An Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York), To Require Submission Of Departmental Budget Estimates From Elected Officials And Department Heads To The Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2020, a Local Law amending Local Law No. 2 of 2006 and Local Law No. 10 of 2008, to require submission of departmental budget estimates, from Elected Officials and Department Heads, to the Legislature.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 35: To approve Resolution No. 226—Establishing And Reporting The Standard Work Day For Elected And Appointed Officials

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes and reports the Standard Work Day for Elected and Appointed Officials.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

No action taken Resolution No. 228—Calling For A One-Year Extension Of The Current Sales Tax Sharing Distribution Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The City Of Kingston

Resolution Summary: This Resolution calls for a one-year extension of the current sales tax sharing distribution agreement between the County of Ulster and the City of Kingston.

Discussion: Clerk of the Legislature Fabella disclosed that there are not enough sponsors for the Resolution to move forward. Chairwoman Archer asked if any Committee members would like to sign on. None requested to be added.

Motion No. 36: To approve Resolution No. 230 –Establishing A Policy Requiring The Reporting Of All Expenditures Made By Ulster County In Relation To The Former Tech City Property

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes a Policy requiring the reporting of all expenditures made by Ulster County in relation to the former Tech City property.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: Legislator Bartels provided a brief explanation of the Policy and the reasons behind its creation. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider stated concern with the disclosure of liabilities anticipated but not yet fully executed, stating that there may be some discrepancy over what this request entails. Legislator Ronk said he doesn't support the Resolution because the Policy provides no recourse if the Policy is not adhered to, which means the Resolution will be treated the same as any Legislative request. Legislator Bartels said this is different from a request as it is related to what may become a complex project involving multiple contracts, it is difficult to aggregate information coming from different sectors, and it is a standing request which requires updating throughout time which ultimately reduces the amount of staff work required to continuously request and search for updates. Discussion pursued on what is meant by anticipated liabilities. Chairman Donaldson questioned the need for the Policy.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, and Walter

Voting Against: Legislator Ronk, Haynes, and Maio, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

No. of Votes in Favor: 4

No. of Votes Against: 4

Disposition: Defeated

Motion No. 37: To discuss Resolution No. 231 –Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Local Law No. 5 Of 1991 (A Local Law Adopting A Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax) To Clarify The Tax Law’s Application To Short-Term And Vacation Rentals, To Be Held On Tuesday, July 14, 2020 At 6:15 PM

Resolution Summary: This Resolution sets a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2020, amending the Code of Ulster County, in relation to Local Law No. 5 of 1991, to clarify the Tax Law’s application to Short-Term and Vacation Rentals, to held on Tuesday July 14, 2020 at 6:15 PM at the County Office Building.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: Deputy County Executive Evelyn Wright questioned the value of the “under-generated funds” stated within. Legislator Walter explained that this value is based on an Airbnb report. Deputy County Executive Wright further questioned the impact on the distribution of funds to the Tourism Department. Legislator Walter was in consent with this observation stating that the Law will be adjusted prior to approval. Deputy County Executive Wright stated that the County Executive branch is currently attempting to negotiate a contract with Airbnb, suggesting that this Resolution would impede the process by not being specific enough to aid in the branch’s negotiations. Legislator Walter answered that additional language may be included regarding the County’s access to information in order to audit the platform, stating that she did reach out to the Executive to work together in a collaborative effort. Deputy County Executive Wright answered that she feels additional language would be an over-step of the Legislature’s power. Chairwoman Archer stated that the Legislature’s duty is to enact policy and that this specific policy has been well researched and an attempt to be inclusive and collaborative has been made throughout the year. Legislator Bartels agreed that this is within the Legislature’s powers and duties and that this policy has been discussed over a long period of time across administrations, adding that she’s happy to hear the two branches are in agreement that a contract should be pursued. Chairman Donaldson emphasized that this Resolution is providing a Public Hearing, stating support for it. Deputy County Executive Wright requested the Committee postpone until the County Executive completes negotiations with Airbnb. Legislator Walter answered that Legal Counsel has reviewed the language before them and does not feel that it impedes on contract negotiations, that Airbnb does currently allow for information sharing necessary to audit the platform, that she feels it strengthens the ability to negotiate, and that she is happy to hear that negotiations began once the Executive heard the

Resolution was being pursued. Further, Legislator Walter suggested the two branches cross the finish line together. Legislator Ronk stated consent to postponing. Chairman Donaldson agreed with the concept of postponing to correct the language concerning the distribution of funds. Legislator Walter affirmed agreement in the change and offered to bring the revised language to the Committee the next day so that the Resolution can be voted on at the upcoming meeting of the Ways & Means committee.

Motion No. 38: To postpone Resolution No. 231 –Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Local Law No. 5 Of 1991 (A Local Law Adopting A Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax) To Clarify The Tax Law’s Application To Short-Term And Vacation Rentals, To Be Held On Tuesday, July 14, 2020 At 6:15 PM

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Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: Legislator Bartels stated that Rules of Order allow for postponing until the next Committee meeting. Discussion pursued on the rules.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Postponed

Motion No. 39: To discuss Resolution No. 129–Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Awareness, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation - Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Awareness for \$12,500.00 to provide peer-to-peer educational programs oriented toward youth offenders who receive substance abuse related sentences.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: Committee members discussed their desired approach to discussion, suggesting they start with Arts Mid-Hudson and take each Organization individually.

Disposition: No Action Taken

Motion No. 40: To discuss Resolution No. 137—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Arts Mid-Hudson, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Arts Mid-Hudson, Inc for \$90,000.00 to provide funds to promote arts and other cultural activities.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: Committee members discussed their individual approaches to making reductions in Legislative contractual appropriations, how Arts Mid-Hudson planned to utilize their appropriation, the importance of the Arts within Ulster County, how a reduction in funding may impact the funding of future years, and how unique Arts Mid-Hudson’s mission and duties are.

Motion No. 41: To amend Resolution No. 137—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Arts Mid-Hudson, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Arts Mid-Hudson, Inc for \$90,000.00 to provide funds to promote arts and other cultural activities.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: Legislator Walter suggested a 10% reduction in the contractual appropriation. Legislator Ronk suggested a larger cut citing multiple increases over prior years, and emphasizing concern over how funding is utilized in 2020 when taxes may need to be increased at the end of the year. Chairman Donaldson argued that Arts bring tourism to the County which results in greater revenue. Legislator Maio agreed with a greater cut citing unprecedented financial difficulties. Legislator Bartels emphasized concern over increased homelessness in the upcoming months, stating that she feels a 10% cut is too little considering the potential hardships ahead.

Voting In Favor: Legislator Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson
Voting Against: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio
No. of Votes in Favor: 2
No. of Votes Against: 6
Disposition: Defeated

Motion No. 42: To amend Resolution No. 137—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Arts Mid-Hudson, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Arts Mid-Hudson, Inc for \$90,000.00 to provide funds to promote arts and other cultural activities.

Motion Made By: Legislator Archer
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: Chairwoman Archer suggested a one-third, or \$30,000.00 reduction. Chairman Donaldson expressed concern over artists losing their jobs due to the reduction. Legislator Bartels emphasized the difficulty in each potential reduction in Legislative contractual appropriations.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Haynes, and Maio
Voting Against: Legislators Gavaris, and Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 3
Disposition: Approved

Committee members noted that a Public Hearing is scheduled for 6:05 PM. Discussion pursued on the best means for moving forward with the Resolutions concerning Legislative contractual appropriations. Legislator Gavaris suggested creating a working document for each Committee member to complete so that the Committee can communicate individual suggestions in advance of the upcoming meeting. Members were in agreement with this suggestion.

No Action Taken on the Following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 130—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Walker Valley Chemical Engine No. 1 For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Walker Valley Chemical Engine No. 1 for \$10,000.00 to provide materials related to the upkeep and maintenance of the Walker Valley fire training facility.

Resolution No. 131—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Ulster County Soil And Water Conservation District For The 2020 Appropriation -Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement in the amount of \$91,500.00, to be expended towards the costs associated with operations of the Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Resolution No. 132—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Resource Center For Accessible Living, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation - Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Resource Center for Accessible Living, Inc (RCAL) for \$15,000.00 to provide prevocational services, behavior modification, social skills, special education, and online skills training for the disabled within Ulster County.

Resolution No. 133—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The D&H Canal Historical Society For The 2020 Appropriation -Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with D&H Canal Historical Society for \$10,000.00 to provide support for the creation of a Visitor Center at the DePuy Canal House.

Resolution No. 134—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Hudson River Maritime Museum For The 2020 Appropriation -Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Hudson River Maritime Museum for \$30,000.00 to provide assistance with upgrading the building and grounds associated with the Rondout Riverport Phase 2.

Resolution No. 135—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With People’s Place For The 2020 Appropriation -Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with People’s Place for \$10,000.00 to offset costs for programming to assist members of the community to obtain fresh, frozen, and packaged foods.

Resolution No. 136—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation - Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. for \$28,750.00 to provide services, including permanent and temporary housing, food assistance, and job training skills.

Resolution No. 138—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Cornell Cooperative Extension Association Of Ulster County For 2020 Appropriations-Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Ulster County for \$362,000.00 to provide support and maintenance in the fields of agriculture, community, and economic vitality, environment and energy, nutrition, healthy families and youth development.

Resolution No. 139—2020 Appropriation For The Ulster County Libraries Program

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with the Mid-Hudson Library System for \$84,500.00 to provide funds for various programs, initiatives, and content.

Resolution No. 140—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Imagine Better, Inc. D/B/A Don't Be A Monster For The 2020 Appropriation - Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement in the amount of \$5,000.00 towards costs associated with presenting an anti-bullying campaign in at least four Ulster County schools.

Resolution No. 141—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Family Of Woodstock, Inc., For The Supervised Visitation Program For The 2020 Appropriation –Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with the Family of Woodstock for \$30,000.00 to provide funding assistance for a supervised visitation program

Resolution No. 142—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation –Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement in the amount of \$39,750.00 with Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. for providing advocacy services for abused and neglected children as assigned by the Ulster County Family Court.

Resolution No. 143 –Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Ulster Performing Arts Center For The 2020 Appropriation –Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement in the amount of \$24,750.00 with UPAC LLC for various operational expenses that allow Ulster Performing Arts Center to provide programming for Ulster County residents.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Chairwoman Archer asked the members if there was any other business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Gavaris

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 6:12 PM

Respectfully submitted: Amber Feaster

Minutes Approved: July 14, 2020

**Ways &
Means Committee
Regular Meeting Transcript**

DATE & TIME: June 9, 2020 – 4:30
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by dialing 1-646-558-8656,
Meeting ID 998 7574 9297
PRESIDING OFFICER: Lynn Archer, Chairwoman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Amber Feaster, and Jay Mahler
PRESENT: Legislators Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. (arrived at 4:43 PM),
Tracey Bartels, John Gavaris, Heidi Haynes; Mary Beth
Maio (arrived at 4:35 PM), Eve Walter, and Legislative
Chairman Donaldson
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Manna Jo Greene, Jonathan Heppner, and Laura
Petit; Legislative Counsel, Christopher Ragucci; Deputy County
Executives, Marc Rider, John Milgrim, and Evelyn Wright;
Comptroller, March Gallagher; Deputy Comptroller, Christopher
Quirk; Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella; Confidential
Secretary to the Chair of the Legislature, Laurie Lichtenstein;
Adam Doan, Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District;
Mid-Hudson News; Kingston Library; Chris Silva, UPAC;
Karen Goertzel, resident

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, I think we're just going to go ahead and get started. We have a quorum. Yep. Okay, thank you, everyone. Welcome to the June 9, Ways and Means meeting. Could you take roll call please.

Natalie Kelder: Archer.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Here.

Natalie Kelder: Ronk.

Natalie Kelder: Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Here.

Natalie Kelder: Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris: Here.

Natalie Kelder: Haynes.

Legislator Haynes: Here.

Natalie Kelder: Maio.

Natalie Kelder: Walter.

Legislator Walter: Here.

Natalie Kelder: And Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Here.

Chairwoman Archer: Great, thank you. I'd like to approve the... take a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12 meeting and the May 19 regular meetings, and on the 11th, a special joint meeting.

Legislator Bartels: So moved, Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: Thank you. And I'm going to go ahead and move Resolution 129-143, towards the end, we can get through the other resolutions, and then we can spend the time on the Legislative Programs.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. I think we are just going to go ahead a get started so we can get through the other resolutions and then we can spend the time on the Legislative Programs.

Okay Resolution 191: Establishing A Policy For Funding Non-County Organizations. I'll take a motion.

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it for discussion.

Chairwoman Archer: Second? Heidi. Okay.

Perhaps we should hold off since the sponsor is not present. Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Did we get any changes? I know that there were some suggestions and we raised some concerns at the last meeting, did any changes come through?

Chairwoman Archer: Not that I'm aware of. Natalie, did we have any changes to the resolution?

I don't think so.

Legislator Bartels: Okay.

Legislator Walter: So, I think we should wait, and let Ken talk because he had postponed it. He was waiting for more feedback. I know I gave him a lot. And so, let's just be clear what he wants with this.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, so why don't we hold off on this until he's present.

Legislator Bartels: Okay.

Chairwoman Archer: Do we want to make a, do we want to postpone, or do we want to wait to see if he, We'll come back to it he joins the meeting later, how's that?

Chairwoman Archer: Resolution 194 authorizing

Legislator Bartels: Can I just say that I see that Vicky is saying that Ken asked for it to be postponed.

Chairwoman Archer: Thank you. Okay, so.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll make a motion to postpone it, Dave.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay.

Legislator Bartels: I'll second that, Bartels.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay.

Okay. Resolution 194: Authorizing the Distribution Of Mortgage Tax Receipts Pursuant To Section 261 Of The Tax Law.

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it, Bartels.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Gavaris: Second.

Legislator Walter: I'll second.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, any questions? All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

Okay, Resolution 195: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In the Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries – Department Of Mental Health.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Bartels: Second it, Bartels.

Chairwoman Archer: Any questions? All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 196: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Trustees Of Columbia University In The City Of New York.

Move?

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it for discussion. Bartels.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll second it.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Well, I know that at the Chairs meeting, I had asked to see a copy of the plan, and since then, I know other questions have been raised. I was wondering if we got answers to the questions in terms of the personnel moves. I know this is connected with the other resolution so I'm kind of talking about them together.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: What is the noise in the background. Someone leaving their mic on that is, now it's, now it's quiet. Okay.

Chairwoman Archer: Alright, thanks. You did receive, we did at, I think at four o'clock received a response to our questions. I don't think anybody's had a chance to really take a look at it. We did email it out to all of you. I did have a question. I, I still can't seem to, I have a gap in the total funding, based on the prior resolution, this one. So, and I'm showing a gap of about \$68,000. So, are we funding a portion of this study, Marc?

Deputy Executive Rider: Are we funding a portion of the study? No. So, where are you seeing a gap in the funding? Did you.

Legislator Archer: You're totaling, when I total up the numbers in the Columbia contract from November, or October of last year, the ones that we've got before us today, and the anticipated into next year, I come up with \$722,966. You've got here total contract is \$791,503.

Deputy Executive Rider: \$791,903, What did you say your.

Chairwoman Archer: \$722,966. I think, you know what, since we haven't had sufficient time to really look at everything and really get the response to our question, do we want to postpone this till next week? So, we can get clarity on the numbers?

Legislator Bartels: I'd like to.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, so you'll make the motion Trace?

Legislator Bartels: I'll make the motion, Bartels.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, second?

Legislator Bartels: Postpone for one week.

Legislator Walter: I'll second it.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. So, let's go ahead, and Marc, we'll get back to you. But there, there still seems to be some discrepancy in numbers that we'd like clarity on before we move forward with this.

Deputy Executive Rider: Sure, but the contracts, as you stated the prior amendment was 289 and this one's 501. So, those totals 791, I don't know what the 720 is that you're talking about. And that would mean that there was 60,000 more revenue, not less.

Legislator Archer: Well Marc, I'm going to go over the numbers with you, based on what I had. So, if there were changes, they're not evident here. That's why we put that message out to you. Giving it to us, like a half an hour, not even enough time to review any of it. So, we'll, we'll hold off till next week.

Deputy Executive Rider: Yeah, I mean I got your email yesterday with the questions. So.

Legislator Archer: Yeah, yesterday morning. And I mean if this is a program that you guys are already moving forward on, I didn't think it was going to be that hard to respond to.

Resolution 197: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Contract Amount To, Oh, did we did we vote on the postponement? I apologize.

No. Okay, on the postponed until next week for 196.

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

Okay. On 197: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Contract Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – James McGuinness & Associates - Department Of Social Services

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: So moved.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Bartels: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: Any questions? All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

Resolution 198: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Tyler Industries. This is an extension of the term of agreement for the public safety enterprise software.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: So moved.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Bartels: I'll second.

Legislator Walter: Second

Chairwoman Archer: Any questions? All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? No. Okay.

Resolution 199: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Ulster County. This is for the Summer Youth employment program.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: So moved.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Bartels: I'll Second it.

Chairwoman Archer: Any questions? Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: So, this, this is Federal funding, correct?

Deputy Executive Wright: Yes.

Legislator Bartels: Okay. And if we're not hiring for the pool, we are going to be redirecting the hiring to other, other places? Is that what's happening?

Deputy Executive Wright: Yeah, we've got 38 sites lined up.

Legislator Bartels: Great. Okay. I wanted to be clear. Thank you.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. All in favor.

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

Okay. Legislator Ronk has joined us. I want to make sure you will get him on there.

Okay. Resolution 200: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00, United Way Ulster County, this is for the year-round Youth Employment Program.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: So moved.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Walter: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. Resolution 201: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Halwick Law, LLC – Office For The Aging.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: So moved.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Haynes: I'll second it. Heidi.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

Okay. Resolution 202: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Gateway Community Industries, doing business as Gateway Hudson, Hudson Valley. This is Office for the Aging.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Legislator Bartels: I'll second.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Seconded.

Chairwoman Archer: This is for delivered meals. Okay. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 203: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000, Cornell Cooperative Extension Of Ulster County. This is for the replacement of the Maltby Hollow Bridge in the amount of \$150,000.

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it.

Legislator Ronk: Second.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Seconded.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 204: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000, Cornell Cooperative Extension. This resolution approves the execution of the contract with Cornell to replace the Watson Hollow culvert.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: So moved.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Bartels: Second.

Legislator Walter: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Please note that Mary Beth Maio has joined as well. I didn't know if you got her before.

Okay, Resolution 205: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 – SAFECO Alarm Systems.

Move?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Moved.

Legislator Walter: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Walter: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

So moved.

Resolution 206: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000, Geostabilization International, LLC. This is for the contract with Geo that extends the term of the contract for slopes stabilization.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: So moved.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Walter: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor.

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 207: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With New York State Department Of Health To Continue The Drinking Water Enhancement Program.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: So moved.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Bartels: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 208: Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept HEALing Communities Study Funding And Create Positions.

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it for discussion.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: So, I would make a motion that we postpone this for a week, as well. There were a significant number of questions on this one. I actually had more questions on this one than the last one. So, just in order to be able to look over the answers to the questions. And I also wanted to just add, I don't know if it was in the questions that you sent, I'm just trying to understand. We're creating positions but we're creating positions that started in April. So, I'd like to get a handle on how that happens.

Deputy Executive Rider: Sure so these positions were created I actually think prior to April, because they were pre-COVID. There were vacancies in the Health Department that were initially used as fill-as. So, they were like a database, and it was a fill-as, in order to get the program up and running with the first year of the HEALing grant because it came in after the budget. But I believe we had already accepted the first year of funding, which, which accounted for the salaries for the two positions. We're just going back now and formally creating those lines, adding in the second year of funding for the HEAL grant, and adding an additional third position, that wasn't part of the original year-one funding.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Who created these salaries?

Deputy Executive Rider: We worked in consultation with Columbia. So, this is not, I mean this is done, I think in 13 counties in New York State. So, the salaries are very similar to the same positions that they had in various other counties throughout the State, and frankly, this is a study that's done nationwide.

Legislator Bartels: But can I just ask a follow-on? What I'm trying to understand, Marc, so, you're saying you had a fill-as positions. But now you're coming to the Legislature to create positions. Have the positions already been created without the Legislature's approval?

Deputy Executive Rider: The positions were taking a vacancy that was currently vacant, and then transferring the title, within the same kind of budget line, to creating, yes, taking like a database clerk, and turning it into the other, one of these titles. We're now coming back through and formalizing everything, with the funds through year-two.

Legislator Bartels: Okay. Yeah. I'm going to have more questions on this. I'm going to have to really look at the responses to this morning's, whatever you sent this morning. But I think the week would help.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thanks, so I may have been looking at it wrong, but I was trying to reconcile the numbers that were in the resolution and in the contract, and in the summary. And so, just so that you know what my kind of questions are ahead of time, you may not be able to fully answer it now.

But it looked like, the, the way I read the resolution, it looked like there was a, and I recognize there's the year-two for HEAL, but it kind of includes mostly like 75% of it is in 2020. And then about 25% of it is in 2021. And that the so, there's comparing the contract is for all of year-two. But ours is a little, so, it's a little wonky. So, if I got a number wrong, please tell me.

But it looked like, for year-two, it totaled, with the base and fringe of the three positions, about \$377,770. For those three positions. But in the contract, for year-two, it was only \$357,719. So, it's sort of why is it about \$20,000, different their year-two total and our year-two?

And then the other thing that didn't make sense is when it was broken down, it looked like it was about, \$286,233 for the rest of 2020, but that the request in the resolution was for \$376,390. So, that confused me.

And I'll send all of this to you so that you can look at it again. I don't expect you to have the answer right now.

And then the other thing I was wondering about is, my understanding, and I'm a part of the HEAL group, is the data coordinator job is someone who's already at the Department of Health, who's just putting some of her time into this because we didn't really need a full data coordinator.

And so, if she's putting just a little bit of her time into this, this salary looks like it's the whole salary. So, we now, even though. If she's putting 50%, 25% of her existing time into HEAL. Why is HEAL covering her full salary? That part didn't make sense to me.

Deputy Executive Rider: So this resolution is creating the whole budget line, which includes funding that would be done through the County. You're correct. We are taking the data surveillance coordinator, was also a data management person in the Health Department, who is now putting 50% of her time towards the HEAL grant. So while this is her full salary, and we're creating the full salary budget line. The \$79,388. Part of the reason why probably what you don't think matches up between the HEAL contract, and the resolution is that the HEAL is only covering 50% of her salary and fringe.

Chairwoman Archer: That should have been identified in the resolution, Marc, which is what is creating the issue, and why the numbers aren't footing. So, if you're going to do that, then it should be really clear here, it took a lot for us to peel it back.

Legislator Walter: And that wouldn't explain, I mean my numbers are, the numbers I see in the resolution, versus that the amount when you tally it, is different by like \$100,000. So it doesn't.

Deputy Executive Rider: No. I'll quickly go through the answer that I gave in that in the email. If you look at the financial impact, the \$376,390, and the \$125,463. It equals \$501,000.

So, if you go down to page two of the contract, which is in the backup, there's three columns. There's payment for the renewal amount. That's just a pool of Columbia money that can be used for both staffing and Impact, Community Impact activities. That's \$197,039.

The payment for staffing activities is \$160,680. That has to be used for staffing only.

And then there's Community Impact dollars which is \$144,134. That's for programs similar to SAMADHI and other things. You add those three columns up, and it's \$501K, it's the exact same number as your financial impact for year-one in year-two.

Legislator Walter: That's not what I was referring to. I mean I was focusing just on the staff, not on the \$144K. And those numbers, the two columns, don't add up to what's in the resolution. The way I saw it. And they don't. And what's in the wording of the resolution don't add up to what's in the summary of it.

Again, I could've seen it wrong, but I wrote, and I'll share with you my spreadsheet, but none of those match. And I'm just talking about the staff. I took the community impact column out because obviously that's not about staff, and that's not even in these resolutions, specifically. So, I'll show it to you so that you can help.

Deputy Executive Rider: Sure.

Legislator Archer: And perhaps we can do a follow-up between now and next week to ensure that we're all on the same page with these numbers and we can foot. Because I think that would be really helpful.

Deputy Executive Rider: Sure.

Legislator Walter: And just one last question, I'm sorry. Was, I may have missed it, is the language still in there about this being grant fund-pending grant support? Is that still in there?

Deputy Executive Rider: So, the last resolve says all positions created will be removed when funding is no longer available unless other State, Federal, or other funding is provided.

Legislator Walter: I'm on a screen, I can't switch back and forth. I just had heard that someone had wanted to pull that part out. So, good.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris: Marc, did you say that the amount of \$78,000, that's the total position, or sorry, \$76,000, that's the total position, no I was right, \$79,388.40, that's the full-time position, half of which is to be paid out of this money, and half is the normal position.

Deputy Executive Rider: Correct. She already had a position at \$80,000 as a database analyst for the County, and we're just taking, we're charging half of her time now towards the HEAL grant.

Chairwoman Archer: So it should reflect her time

Legislator Gavaris: So the salary in total, hold on, so the total salary, the total salary prior to this was more than this number? She took a pay cut?

Deputy Executive Rider: It was like, I think it was a few dollars more, but it was a CSEA position. This is a management position. So, the overall, between fringe and the salary, it was a better package for the employee than the CSEA position that was not part of the grant. So, instead of hiring from the outside. We had an employee that was interested in spending half the time towards it. Yes.

Legislator Gavaris: The same salary amount.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Bartels. Oh, sorry I'm sorry? You finished? You're good?

Okay. Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: So, are we eliminating the previous position to get a savings.

Deputy Executive Rider: Yes.

Legislator Bartels: Okay, we're not backfilling the old position?

Deputy Executive Rider: No. And remember, it's still half there. I mean, we're still using her half-time for Health, half-time for this grant. So, but no, we're not replacing it with a part time position. We're just eating, we're just taking this as, half of her salary and fringe savings, towards our budget reduction.

Legislator Bartels: Okay.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. And there was a conversation we had with regards to changing other funding, and to private funding. Do we still want to move forward with that adjustment in that final resolve?

Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: I just think other funding, other funds could be County. But I mean other funding could be anything. It's very vague. It kind of opens it up to anything. So, private funding, it's that's what it is right now. So, that would be more specific to me.

Chairwoman Archer: So, are we making that amendment? To make it instead of other funding, make it private funding? And if it ends up being County funding, then they have to come back and review the plan?

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Well, if we're postponing it a week, do we want to do that next week?

Chairwoman Archer: We could, yes, that's true. Thank you. But it should be on the, on the table for discussion within the caucus package.

All right. Any other questions that we want to give Marc a heads-up on before we move on?

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, on the postponement. All in favor?

Opposed? Okay, so moved.

Resolution 209: Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept Supplemental Public Health Emergency Preparedness Funding From New York State Department of Health for Covid Crisis Response.

Move?

Legislator Walter: I'll move it.

Legislator Bartels: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor.

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: So moved.

Resolution 210: Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept Supplemental Public Health Emergency Preparedness Funding From New York State Department Of Health For Covid Response Activities.

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 211: Amending The 2020 Budget, Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Funds From The Redlich Horwitz Foundation To Support Virtual Family Connectivity Within The Foster Care Program.

Move?

Legislator Walter: I'll move it.

Legislator Bartels: Move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Eve Walter: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 212, we're Setting A Public Hearing On Tentative Budget Of Ulster County Community College For The Year 2020-2021 To Be Held On Tuesday, July 14, 2020, At 6:30.

Move?

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it.

Legislator Walter: Second

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Second

Chairwoman Archer: Second, All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay opposed? So moved.

Resolution 213: Approving A Voluntary Retirement Incentive For Eligible Ulster County Community College Faculty Members.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Walter: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 214: Approving A Voluntary Retirement Incentive For Eligible Ulster County Community College Professional Staff Members.

Legislator Ronk: Move.

Legislator Walter: Move.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Walter: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 215: Supporting A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Apply, Accept And Administer 5307 Urbanized Area Funds And 5307 Funds Transferred From The Rural Transportation Assistance Program-Section 5311(b)(3) Under The Coronavirus Aid, Relief And Economic Security Act For Operating Costs And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding.

Legislator Ronk: Move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Bartels: I'll second.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 216: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Ulster County Board Of Cooperative Educational Services To Provide A Deputy Sheriff As A School Resource Officer.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Second.

Legislator Walter: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 217: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Onteora Central School District To Provide A Deputy Sheriff As School Resource Officer.

Legislator Ronk: Move it.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second? All in favor.

Legislator Haynes: I'll be second.

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 218: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Rondout Valley Central School District To Provide Two Deputy Sheriffs As School Resource Officers.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: So moved.

Legislator Haynes: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 219: Establishing Capital Project No. 571 – Sheriff Live Scan Upgrade. Move?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: So moved.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Walter: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? Okay, so moved.

Resolution 221: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services - Project Live Scan.

Move?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: So moved.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Haynes: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 222: Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Properties To The Original Owners.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: So Moved.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second? All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

Resolution 223: Adopting the Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 2 Of 2006 (A Local Law Adopting A County Charter Form Of Government For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York) And Amending Local Law No. 10 Of 2008 (A Local Law Adopting An Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York), To Require Submission Of Departmental Budget Estimates From Elected Officials And Department Heads To The Legislature.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: So moved.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Ronk: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: Thanks. All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 226: Establishing And Reporting The Standard Work Day For Elected And Appointed Officials.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: So moved.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Bartels: Second.

Legislator Ronk: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

Resolution 228: Calling For A One-Year Extension Of The Current Sales Tax Sharing Distribution Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The City Of Kingston.

Vicky you're shaking your head no. You're on mute.

Clerk Fabella: There is not enough sponsors for this one to move forward right now.

Chairwoman Archer: Oh, okay.

Legislator Bartels: How many sponsors are there?

Clerk Fabella: There's three on there, two other people that were willing to sign on, which includes you Legislator Bartels. And that was where we got to.

Legislator Bartels: Okay.

Chairwoman Archer: Anybody want to sign on to put this resolution before the body? Okay.

So, Resolution 230: Establishing A Policy Requiring The Reporting Of All Expenditures Made By Ulster County In Relation To The Former Tech City Property.

Move?

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it for discussion.

Chairwoman Archer: Second? Eve, did you?

Legislator Walter: I'll second, yeah, I second.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, for discussion, Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Well, Ken did you want to ask a question? Do you want.

Legislator Ronk: I just had, yeah, I had questions about it but if you want to go first. I don't, it's fine with me.

Legislator Bartels: Either way. I mean I can go first.

You know, I, in consultation with Legislators Archer and Walter, and then also talking to our own finance team, you know, I thought that it would be best to create a policy where we get reporting on this one project because it's going to have multiple contracts. As, as we've already seen, there's another, I think there's another electrical contract, that's moved through, other than the Con Ed, that's somewhere approaching \$50,000, but it's not \$50,000. And while we can, through the expertise in our own office, get to the bottom of this, it requires a lot of legwork, and person hours. And so, it's within our right to ask for this kind of recording. It's not asking for approval on the smaller contracts, it's just asking that we can see what this project is costing in one place.

Chairwoman Archer: And I will add that we've already requested information, and it's going on three or four weeks at this juncture, and to date, we still don't have the information we requested. So, hopefully, this will facilitate a more timely response in getting the information.

Any questions? Marc.

Deputy Executive Rider: My only concern is, I don't, in the first resolve the section that says, "including liabilities not yet fully executed by the Executive." I don't know, that seems somewhat vague to me, and just difficult even for the Finance Department to even follow through on.

I mean what is an "anticipated?" Is that something that we've gone out to bid on, and have a quote, and have a number for? Is it something that may or, we may, you know, we anticipate will happen at some point in the future? I just, I don't know the answer to that question.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: I'd say. The intention is more of the former. You know, if you have something that's coming down the pike, we'd be like we'd like to be alerted to it. Not, there's unending possibility. And we're asking the Finance Department to muse on all the, all the future possibilities. It's more if you've gone out to bid on something and you have responses, you have quotes, and your intention is to move on it, but it hasn't yet been executed through New World, or through our system. We'd like to know that it's coming.

Legislator Ronk: Legislator Ronk, then Walter.

Thanks. You know, I understand the idea behind this resolution. I don't think I can support it because I don't see that it gives us any more recourse to get information from the Executives Office than through a request, because there's nothing that says that they have to follow a resolution. If they're not following request, I mean the recourse that we have is the same whether it's a resolution, or an email, which is an administrative subpoena which we're unlikely to use. So, I just don't, You know, again, I think it's well intentioned, I just don't see the utility. And I think it sets a precedent that we're going to be passing resolutions every time we want a little bit

of information from the other side of the office. You know, shame on the Executives Office for not getting us the information, but this doesn't help us.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Walter then Bartels.

Legislator Walter: Tracey can go first.

Legislator Bartels: Okay. Yeah, I mean I think it is different. I don't think this is going to set a precedent where every time we have a question, we're going to create a policy. This is related to what may become a complex project that we already know is going to involve multiple contracts. And, as we've seen, it's really hard to aggregate that information when it's coming from all different sectors. You know, we've heard through the course of the debate on the Tech City property, the potential for all kinds of different contracts. And so, this way, similar to two major capital project like the undertaking of the Jail, we get to see what the whole project looks like in one place.

You know, I think it's well within our authority to ask the Commissioner of Finance for this. And I think codifying it through a policy, just makes it a standing request. So that we don't have to have our people on a regular basis asking, "Is there anything new? Is there anything we need to know about? Is there anything new?" And constantly scouring the system. This way, we're just getting a regular report on the project, and it may be that some months there, there's no change. I don't really see the harm in it.

I think information is power. And our finance team is working, you know, like, over time, to answer all our legislative requests, and to do research, and to get to, as Lynn, Chair Archer said, to peel back the layers, to get understanding for us on all these various resolutions. So, this is one that would be, to some extent, taken off their plate, and we'd be provided a monthly update. Which I think is a good idea. It's just more, more information for this committee to be staying on top of that project.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thanks. Yeah, I mean, I, I hear what Legislator Ronk says. In a way, it doesn't, it compels me that maybe in the future we even say any project that could ultimately in aggregate exceed a certain amount, we would need to know, we would want to know. So, again, similar to the jail. I get that this is just Tech City, but it may be smart in the future to sort of make another one that really talks about any project that really could exceed, you know, a considerable amount of money, \$250,000 or whatever it is. I'd also say that, I mean, personally I would even take a step to the more conservative than Legislator Bartels had suggested in terms of anticipated. I think, and again, I'll say the same thing I said before, I've bought and sold houses, I've had inspections I've known what kinds of things are needed. That even if I didn't put it out to bid yet. I think that there, it's not inconceivable to know what anticipated needs are for this and, and have some sense of what that cost is. I mean I think we have the ultimate goal that we don't look back on this in a year or two and discover that you know \$2 million were sunk into it. And, you know, and I think we're trying to get ahead of that.

Chairwoman Archer: Any other comments, questions? On the resolution? Chair Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Oh yes. I kind of, I don't see really a need for this. I take the information for one, anything contracts over \$50,000 we get anyway. Now, if they want to try to deceive us and break up contracts and make them, \$48,000 and a whole bunch like that. I don't see that happening. And I don't think it's worth their time to do something of that nature. I don't really see the need for this. I and I think it's, in other words, you're going down a road where you're going to start doing this. I think, Legislator Ronk was right. And then, you know, you start going down a road that you're going to keep on doing these another one, in every project, no matter what it is. We do have oversight. We do have the power of the purse for the numbers are there So, I don't agree with it.

Chairwoman Archer: Well, and I would just say that if we had already received information that we requested on this, which we did shortly last month after approving the electrical connection. We have not received any of the information. We do weekly follow-ups. It's up to the finance team to follow-up. It's extra make work for them. And with, with, the crickets, basically. And no response. As to, you know, even how long it's going to take. Fine. At least tell us if you're compiling it. What's your anticipated time of delivery. And, you know, in this particular case, given the fact that we know that the building has its challenges, and you know just even the connection, and that there's additional monies being earmarked for this. I think this is an important Resolution. If we can't get the information, we need to legislate to get it.

Legislator Archer: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: And to the Chairman's point I mean, I was not in any way, alleging deception. But other contracts that are below, \$50,000, and just barely, which means we don't have to approve, have already made it into the pipeline. They're already moving through.

So, getting that aggregate number is going to require a serious amount of diligence and follow-up on behalf of our finance team that this would alleviate. This is, you know, it's a simple request. And it would just be a monthly report on the project. And again, there might be, there might be months where there's no change. And there might be months where we've spent \$100,000, \$150,000 and three small contracts. But I think we would want to know, to Legislator Walter's point, how much we're spending in aggregate, because that number matters in terms of the bigger picture.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: What is law, what is resolution makes that they asked to give you that information?

Legislator Bartels: It directs the Commissioner of Finance to provide us that information, on a monthly basis, coming to Ways and Means. And we can direct the Commissioner of Finance, to provide us with information. He works for both of us. Both the Executive and Legislative branches. And I think he'll agree to do it. That way, he's also not in the middle of anything. He's just been asked formally, in the form of a policy, to give us a monthly report.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Should we do this, should we do this with black topping and everything?

Legislator Bartels: No. Black topping is something we, we approve.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'm just giving you an, I mean.

Legislator Bartels: But it's not, it's not a relevant example. We, we approve those contracts.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: You can turn this into many other things. You can turn it into black topping if you want. You can just say I want, we want to know every time they spend money on black topping.

Chairwoman Archer: But that's not what's before us. What's before us is Tech City. And that's and that's what we have before us.

Legislator Bartels: And this project, we all know, has a, has a certain level of unknown about it. We don't know, as we open the building, and we power it up. And we, we look inside we, we face potential costs that range from minor mitigation to major mitigation. And on top of that, it's all going to be connected to a plan. What we're going to do. How much we're going to do in terms of refurbishing that building.

So, it's something that I would like to, I would like to be able to stay on top of, and ahead of, without stressing our finance team, in a very in a stressed environment already. I mean they're doing an amazing job. But it's a lot of work. There's a lot of things that we're looking at. We're heading into perhaps one of the worst budget cycles in any of our histories. And this will be one thing, one less thing, we have to worry about because on a regular basis, we'll be just getting an update on, this is where we're at. This is the additional expense this month, whether it's a power expense, whether it's an electrical contract, whatever it is. It'll also give us an insight into what the plan is in terms of how we're moving forward with this building.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, on the resolution, All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

Legislator Ronk: I'm opposed.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'm going to be opposed, also.

Legislator Haynes: I'm also opposed. Heidi. Thank you.

Chairwoman Archer: And what's the count on that? We have 1-2-3-4. Right?

Legislator Bartels: It fails four-four.

Chairwoman Archer: Yeah, sorry.

Okay. Resolution 231: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Local Law No. 5 Of 1991 (A Local Law Adopting A Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax) To Clarify The Tax Law's Application To Short-Term And Vacation Rentals, To Be Held On Tuesday, July 14, 2020 At 6:15.

Move?

Legislator Walter: Move.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Bartels: I'll second it.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. Any questions?

Deputy Executive Wright: If I may, I have some questions on the text of the local law.

Legislator Walter: Okay.

Deputy Executive Wright: The first question. At the bottom page of the, the bottom paragraph of the first page, it says that the current system has under-generated funds by at least \$500,000 in 2019. I'm wondering where that estimate came from because that's not consistent with what the Finance Department has shared with us and has shared with some of the Legislators.

Legislator Walter: Sure. If I may, Chair?

Chairwoman Archer: Please.

Legislator Walter: It's based on the Airbnb's report of the actual revenue from Ulster County and then multiplying that by the 2%. So, it's based on their public report which I can happily, I think I cited it, but I can make it available to you.

Deputy Executive Wright: Sure. So, you say that that their public report was \$32,000,000. So 2% of that would be \$640,000. We collected what we estimate to be \$400,000 in short-term rental revenue. So, that would leave us with a gap of about \$240,000. There are some uncertainties in our estimates but.

Legislator Walter: I'll happily get it to you. I mean, either way you're, you're considerably under. But I'll provide for you the where I did my analysis. Regardless, it's, it's much lower than what we could have achieved.

Deputy Executive Wright: Certainly were under reporting but we think it's important, or we're under collecting, but I think it's important that whatever facts we're citing in the Legislative intent, be accurate.

Legislator Walter: Absolutely.

Deputy Executive Wright: and consistent with our estimates.

Legislator Walter: I understand.

Deputy Executive Wright: My second question, the Legislative intent seems to suggest that you think that the funding to tourism should be reduced.

Legislator Walter: Yeah.

Deputy Executive Wright: The section on disposition of revenues is increasing it dramatically from the current 10% to 50%.

Legislator Walter: Yes, I'm going, I'm sorry, Evelyn. I'm going to just stop you because you're right.

So, I was, I was, we, when I had done this, the resolution I was reviewing, and and amending, was actually one that a previous, previous Legislators had put forth, but ended up pulling. But the way it was written, it was, did not show that they were additions. So, I had thought that, wrongly, that the current law was putting all of it towards tourism. And so, obviously, I thought I had done due diligence. I thought I was actually correcting, a wrong, that we already had that 100%. So, I'm perfectly happy to move it back to the 10% or \$150,000, whichever is higher to tourism, following that State Law, and making that correction before the next Ways and Means meeting. I don't know how I missed the fact that that wasn't an existing policy. But I thought, again I thought, the existing policy was that all of it was going to tourism.

Deputy Executive Wright: Okay, yeah. You know as the person who's leading our housing strategy from the Executive side, I'm really sympathetic to dedicating funds to housing, but I think this is not the mechanism, especially right now in our budget situation.

Legislator Walter: Yeah. Again, I'm happy to move it back to the other one. And I, I do appreciate that you mentioned that housing is a priority. And I recognize in this budget time it is challenging. Obviously, it's it relates to the importance of identifying that the short-term rentals are a major factor in our housing problem. And I think it's important to recognize that the, the growth of these platforms, in many ways is right is contributing to the shortage. But I, I you know, I perfectly trust that we'll move forward in that way, based on the initiatives that were put forward, in the past. Again, I would just want some money for housing and not all for tourism, but I misunderstood. So, I'll make that correction.

Deputy Executive Wright: Okay. Well, you know, I think our other big concern with this, and I've shared this with you, Legislator Walter, is that we're in the midst of negotiating with Airbnb.

Which is by far the biggest source of these short-term rentals, for us, on contract terms and we would really prefer that we just continue those contract negotiations and see if we can conclude them, rather than having this process to amend the law under way. They've already asked us about this, and we just feel like it's appropriate in terms of the separation of powers that the negotiations of contracts happen on our side. And then, you know, you all get to review them. It just makes us look divided as we're trying to resolve some real issues in the standard language that they put forward. For them to see that there's something on the table that could potentially force us to sign a contract that's different than what we're trying to achieve.

Legislator Walter: I appreciate that. And with that, what I'm going to be proposing for the next time is additional language. Originally Legislator Bartels had suggested this, but I had been advised not to include it. But it goes directly along with the negotiations and basically stating that this contract includes, to all extent possible, information regarding the location of the residency and the capacity of the County to audit the platform. I think this will make us look unified, and not separate, and will strengthen your negotiations. We'll have a policy behind your argument. And so, we'll be adding that into the language.

Deputy Executive Wright: So, what you just stated, what you just said is actually different language than what we've been pursuing with them and could potentially.

Legislator Walter: Okay, so we can talk together. Let's talk together. Let's talk about what you're trying to pursue. I'm sure it goes along with what it is that we want, and that way we can all look unified. This is why I tried, you know, was hoping to reach out, and reached out to the Executive, you know, over a week before I even put this forth is because I wanted to get this working as a cooperative effort.

Deputy Executive Wright: Yes and we've been giving you this feedback all along, since you brought it up.

Legislator Walter: No you gave, you've mentioned this one thing to me, just a few days ago, and then I had to consider what to do. So, now that we had a chance to talk about it, and other people who are supportive of this. We're happy, you know, and, and if you want to give me, I, The language I just said was exactly what was in your email. But I'm happy to work with you. We talked to our Counsel talked to the County Counsel who did not feel like this was going to be a problem for negotiating at all. And so, I think, if you let us know, or what, what kinds of elements you want, there is no reason why we can't be a unified force here.

Deputy Executive Wright: So, this is really an extraordinary impingement on the power of the Executive to negotiate contracts. The reason we have a Legal Department and a Finance Department is to work out the details of these contracts and then bring them to the Legislature. For the Legislature to write a prescription for a contract that the Executive then has to sign is a real reversal of that process.

Legislator Walter: So, you've asked me to not. First, I did not have specifications on how this discussion could be. And now your, then you ask, say, you're going back and forth. I can keep

the language vague so you can have your conversation vague, or I could be specific to give you power. I'm going, I'm going to be quiet now and let other people talk

Legislator Archer: Well I would say, that as a, as a legislative body, our role is setting policy. And this is something we clearly feel strongly about, from a policy perspective. And so, this is policy-related and not in the midst of a negotiation. And this has been something that I'm well aware that Legislator Walter had been in discussion with at the beginning of this year. So, this is not new. This is something that she has reached out to her and Legislator Uchitelle, and they've worked very hard to be inclusive and collaborative on this. And we would hope that it could be reciprocated.

Deputy Executive Wright: Well, I'm letting you know that we're working on exactly what, what I think we all want. Which is to maximize the revenue that we're collecting here while retaining our registration process, while retaining our inter-municipal agreements, to share that information with the towns. And we think we're close to a solution. And we think that moving this law forward, at this time, impairs that. So, I'm trying to share with you how I think we can best achieve the goals that you've set out.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: I was just going to echo pretty much what you, you said, Legislator Archer. And that's, you know, as a, as an issue of policy, this is something that's long been discussed, over the course of multiple administrations. It's my understanding that Legislators Walter and Uchitelle brought this to the Executive early in this term. And as a policy, it was finally brought forth to move the issue, the fact that you were in contract discussions without letting us know that, seems separate. I mean this is, it is well within the Legislature's authority to set policy. And it's something that we have had significant pushback across administrations on this issue. I'm very happy to hear we're in the same place on this now. But I, I see this from the opposite perspective you do, not an impingement of the Executives power.

Chairwoman Archer: Any other questions? Legislator Walter.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Right here.

Chairwoman Archer: I'm sorry, Chair Donaldson.

Legislator Walter: Legislator Donaldson can go then go then I'll go.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I mean, I actually put this, a resolution similar to this in quite a while ago. And then it was picked up by Legislator Maloney, not too long ago. It was an initiative started, requested by the Comptroller Auerbach at the time. And we've been going back and forth with this for quite some time. And so, I do understand, and I'm, like Legislator Bartels points out, that I like the idea that we're approaching to be on the same page, for a change, on this particular issue.

But this is a public hearing. So, I think we could hear that. But I, I certainly understand why you feel that it may hurt negotiations, but I'd like to understand that a little more. I mean because I support this. I've supported in the past and I think it's the way to go. And I think we've left a lot of money at the table for years. And so you're negotiating but I can't quite understand that how you're claiming that this will hurt negotiations, I mean I don't, I don't quite understand that.

Deputy Executive Wright: From our perspective, the current text says whatever contract they put forward we have to sign. So, that weakens our ability to negotiate if they think that we're going to sign whatever they put before us. Whatever language that you craft in there, then becomes a, a straitjacket on us, that any contract that they put forward, that fulfills, whatever their interpretation of that language is, we then have to go ahead with. So, that's very different from saying a policy priority are these things, let's figure out how to achieve that. Respectfully, I just really would like to suggest, I think we can wrap this up soon with them, that you consider postponing this for a month. And if you're not happy with where we are, then pursue it.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thank you. So, I want to reiterate again, that our Counsel and the County Counsel, both did not feel that this would become a problem for negotiation.

I also want to add, Airbnb is a massive corporation. They did not allow any, any sharing of information in the past. If they're allowing it now, this is what they do, they do it. Though it's not like Ulster, itself, is some unique major thoroughbred in the world of short-term rentals. Granted, we're one of the biggest in New York State but either Airbnb lets this happen or doesn't. The fact that Airbnb is now letting this happen it's because Airbnb now lets this happen.

And again, there has been evidence that says that Airbnb is more supportive of these kinds of contracts, if there are laws that are encouraging it. That said, I don't think we'll pigeonhole you. I think it's very easy to write the correct language that saying that this is what we would like to see happen, as opposed to require to see happen. And again, I'll just stand by the fact that I think this will help your negotiations. I'm so glad that you guys started this once you found out that this resolution was put forward. I'm glad that pushed you to doing it. So, now let's just cross the finish line together.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, on the, Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Thank you. You know, I don't think a month hurts us. And I think that having both sides of government being on the same page. You know, I also, you know, wouldn't oppose a little bit more time for my counsel to look over this. Nick Pascal was Legislative Counsel in several years, and minority counsel for several years while, probably, 14 or 15, different versions of this kind of a law, were put forward. You know, so I just, you know, I, at this time would make a motion that we postpone this for a month.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Let me, may I speak on that?

Legislator Ronk: Let's see if there's a second first.

Legislator Archer: Yes. Chair Donaldson.

Legislator Ronk: I think we should see if there's a second first.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I wanted, not to speak on the postponement at this point, I'm just trying to speak on the issue, if you don't mind, Ken.

Legislator Ronk: Alright, so I'll withdraw my motion I guess until after.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Thank you, I appreciate that. Well, I mean if we're talking right now that we're going to be changing this. And they're going back and forth about changing the language in it before it even comes out. Then I don't see why we would move forward with it if you're the language is not solid on the way we all agreed on. So, I my mindset is I agree that it could, should be postponed for the one month. But I mean, I think give it a month and figure out where we're going to go with it. But, I mean, I do want to follow through.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Walter then Bartels.

Legislator Walter: So, as I mentioned, we do have a Ways and Means meeting next week. It's very small changes. I'm happy to get them to everyone by tomorrow morning. You can, the Republican caucus, you can have your attorneys look at it, the Executives Office, but I, I, I feel confident that by next week we can have a, a, a version that we're all set with.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: So, I'd like to make a motion that we postpone it for one, one week, with permission of the sponsor.

Legislator Ronk: Where, I, I I in a very friendly manner, withdrew my motion. Now, we're going to make another motion.

Legislator Bartels: Okay, we could do yours first. I'm just saying I'd like to see it be one week, if that's what the sponsor wants. I'd like to see be one week, and then we get to see where we're at next week.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Well, I think we should let Ken Ronk make his motion.

Chairwoman Archer: Fine.

Legislator Ronk: I'd like to make a motion again that we postpone this for one month. I think that, you know, we've had, you know, several proposals from the Republican Caucus, several proposals that have been sponsored by members of both caucuses that, you know, members on your side of the aisle wanted more time on, you know, and all of a sudden now there's a proposal that's put forth by a member of the Democratic Caucus, and, you know, a month is too long, the

week is fine, I just, you know, at this time, again, reiterate my motion for one month postponement.

Chairwoman Archer: On the motion, a second.

Legislator Bartels: No, I'm not going to second it.

Legislator Haynes: I second it.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: I guess a point of order, I believe our rules allow for a postponement until the next meeting, which is next week.

Legislator Ronk: Fine. We've done it before, from this committee, but whatever.

Chairwoman Archer: We've typically done it, we've typically done it for one week, and then if the following week, we postponed it for a month. So let's.

Legislator Ronk: That doesn't match my recollection. That having been said, whatever.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I don't with that either. I think it postpones something for a month, if you, you did, it's month to the next meeting of the Ways and Means. Ways and Means meets twice. So, you can postpone for a week. But I believe you could postpone for the month in the following the Ways and Means meeting, at least that's my recollection of it.

Legislator Bartels: I can pull it up. I think it says until the next meeting.

Legislator Ronk: Let's just, I just, you know, regardless of, you know, what we've done in the past, and you know, what's good for the goose being good for the gander, I'm fine with postponing it for a week. And then I'll make a motion to postpone it for, I'm sorry, to the next meeting. And then at the next meeting, I'll make a motion to postpone until the next meeting. You know, it's just going to take more time, but that's fine. I just, whatever.

Chairwoman Archer: On the postponement for one week. All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Okay, now we're going to go back to the Legislative Programs or Legislative contracts.

Hopefully everybody had a chance to review the responses that we got from all the organizations. I'm hoping today that we will be able to make some decisions and bring some clarity, and closure in some cases here. And so, I'm proposing that as we, as we, go through each of these and, and decision them, I would ask that, you know, we've had a lot of conversation over

the past several months, let's keep it to new quotes or new insights that we didn't have before. And see if we can, you know, get through all of these tonight.

So, Resolution 129: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Awareness, Inc. for \$12,500 to provide peer-to-peer educational programs oriented toward youth offenders who received a substance abuse related sentences.

Move?

Legislator Walter: Wait, what's the motion, just to discuss?

Chairwoman Archer: Just, Yes.

Legislator Walter: I move to discuss.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Bartels: I'll second it.

Chairwoman Archer: Bartels. Okay.

Legislator Bartels: Can I?

Chairwoman Archer: Yes.

Legislator Bartels: Are we going to, so we're going to go through one by one. I don't know if we, if it's helpful to have a general conversation about how people are approaching this or we just, you want to go through one at a time. I don't.

Chairwoman Archer: I'm not sure I understand your question.

Legislator Bartels: Well, I mean I know in the past we've had conversations. Legislator Ronk at one point said, he would consider not funding any of them. And there were others that said it was going to be based on COVID. I mean we've had all different approaches to this. And I know it's going to be individual, but I'm just interested to see how people are coming at this. Oh, but if we want to do it one at a time, we could do it that way too.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Yeah. Thank you. So, because they each provided us with feedback. My intent was, if, I feel like going through one at a time so that we can deal with the feedback that we got. Especially because they provide it. They were different. A couple of them made suggestions of actual cuts, some of the feedback was stronger than others. And so, so that we give due diligence to the feedback they gave us. My feeling is to go through each one.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay everybody okay with that?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yeah. Could you could we bring out the feedback, as we go along. I think that.

Legislator Bartels: Yeah, or taken in the order of the feedback so we can scroll easily, because if, we're otherwise we're, it's all, the feedbacks not in order for the resolutions.

Chairwoman Archer: I thought the PDF is pretty much isn't it?

Legislator Bartels: Well, it starts with Arts Mid-Hudson.

Chairwoman Archer: Oh, sorry. Okay.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Now was that PDF sent out? When was that PDF sent out?

Chairwoman Archer: It was sent out, who sent that out? Amber or Natalie?

Legislator Bartels: Amber.

Chairwoman Archer: Amber sent it out? Amber, when did you send it out? So, Dave's trying to find it.

Legislator Ronk: Last Thursday.

Chairwoman Archer: Pardon me?

Legislator Ronk: It was Amber, sent out last Thursday.

Amber Feaster: It's also in the OneDrive, in the meeting materials.

Chairwoman Archer: I think it is kind of hard for them to do OneDrive and stay on.

So, okay. So, we're doing, you're suggesting that we that we go through and do it according to the feedback that we got which means we would go to.

Legislator Bartels: Start with Arts Mid-Hudson.

Chairwoman Archer: Yeah. Well, now I got to find it. Arts Mid-Hudson is Resolution 137. Okay. Their current recommended funding for Arts Mid-Hudson is \$90,000. Did everybody get a chance to review their comments?

Legislator Haynes: I have a question.

Chairwoman Archer: Yes, Heidi.

Legislator Haynes: Might I ask, hey Dave, also, Chairman, is this the original ask from last year? Or, was that what we came up with through Legislative Programs.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: It was what they asked for. But they, it's what they asked for.

Legislator Haynes: Originally?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yeah, but I don't know if we did the full amount, the extra that they asked for.

Chairwoman Archer: And last year, 2019, they requested \$90K, they were awarded \$84.5K. This year they requested \$90K, and that was what was originally awarded.

Legislator Haynes: Okay.

Chairwoman Archer: Now there's a couple of ways that I was thinking about this and I'll just put it out there for consideration. In some cases, you know, some of the organizations came back, and in the spirit of the 10% cut that's being done across the county. Some of the organizations came back saying that they'd be willing to cut 10%. So that's an option, we could look at the last four months of COVID as potentially a reduction in the amount. So, one third of the funding, or it could zero out. So, those are just some options to think about as we go through this.

Chairman Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yeah, but what's going to happen is, there, once we come out of the COVID situation, they're going to be kicking into overdrive for dealing with the arts throughout Ulster County. So, I don't know if you can consider that the COVID is going to reduce their need. I don't see that necessarily happening, but it could.

But we could actually find the 10% or return to the amount of budget from the year before. Or, I mean they do have a, you know, that what they do is capacity building. And then they also do some, or all of that are, by basically, by our policy. We created the policy on how they divvy out those, the grants to the individual artists. And we believe 80% of it is capacity building and 20%, is that of new sustainable. Like for instance, I use Catskill Ballet. They put on a ballet and they bring, they bring children in from all over the county to go see it that would normally not see a ballet. So, that is not a part of the capacity building. Whereas when we, you know, the best one is the Festival of the Voice, was a, when we first done that one, that was capacity building. We gave them more and more money for websites and such. So, I mean, I don't know if I say, cutting one third of that would be very healthy.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Walter then Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Walter: Yeah. So, it's interesting, this was not one of, they aren't doing direct COVID stuff, with support, right now, which is true, when some of the other ones are. But they're also, when I thought about them, they're really one of the only ones who do what they do.

Because I had that other criteria, of some of the other organizations, that were other sources of whatever service they provided. They're really among the only ones that do what they do. And I often, you know, the arts are so challenged, in so many ways. So, I would support the idea of perhaps a 10% cut of bringing them to their original, recognizing that they did not have the expenditures that they normally would have had during COVID, but trying to still keep them at a high enough level so that they can do that work. I would propose a 10% cut.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Ronk.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I would second the 10%.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Yeah, thanks. I would go for a much larger cut. You know, in that we've given them several increases over the last several years, as well. You know, \$90,000 is a lot of money. I understand that it's a tough time for these organizations. But it's also a tough time for, you know, the County budget. And, you know, we have to, you know, in addition to looking at, in addition to looking at what the organization is going to need moving forward, we also need to think about what our organization, being the taxpayers of Ulster County are going to be facing in November. And I, you know, when I make these decisions, I think about, you know, the people whose homes were going to have to sell in tax foreclosure. And ask myself would I be able to look that person in the face and tell them that everything that was funded was a necessity. When we had to take their home away, and you know, if we have to raise taxes or, you know, reduce other essential services. I just, you know, I don't see this as a necessity.

Chairwoman Archer: Chair Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Well, you have to understand also this is a, you're, I mean, a necessity. There's in some ways it is a necessity for those people that are getting some of these grants or otherwise they will not exist. And it also creates the situation of tourism. This is a large part of the tourism attraction of Ulster County is the arts. And understand that we used to actually fund the arts, more than twice that amount at the beginning of this century. So, and we cut that back and we've been slowly trying to get the funding back into the arts to a point where we can be competitive with others. And that just like economic development, this the competitive nature in some ways for us to get people to come here and they do come here because of it. And there are many people that show up in Kingston, new people to talk about the idea, the reason they wanted to stay here, is they're impressed with the culture and the arts, that is showing in this small county. So, I think it's a rather large attraction for us. So, my mind, I really don't want to be cutting the arts at this point.

Karen Goertzel: May I say something? I'm from the Pine Hill/Shandaken area.

Chairwoman Archer: Excuse me. It's not open for discussion, please.

Karen Goertzel: Okay. Thank you.

Chairwoman Archer: Mary Beth. Legislator Maio.

Legislator Maio: Thank you. I agree with Ken, that, you know, we have to do cuts. I understand the 10% from the Executives Office, but I don't think that relates to the funding of these programs. I'm almost thinking we should start at a 50% cut and kind of negotiate from there. These are tough months we're going into, and I get they all need, and we all have our favorites, and we all going to say the same thing. That we have, you know, they need this, they all need it. I get it. That's why we gave them him the money in the first place. But it's not easy. Everybody's going to have to be very creative and we're going to have to come up with different ideas on how to do this. But I, I think we should start at 50% and kind of go from there. And it would be across the board. And I think that would be fair.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thanks. I agree with Legislator Ronk. I don't want to look my constituents in the eye either who are having trouble paying for their housing and tell them that I kept everything. We've only gone to the first one, I assure you I don't advocate for 10% for all of them at all. There are several that I'm personally going to advocate to cut completely, or much more extreme. That's why we asked for that feedback from them. This happens to be the example of the one that I'm suggesting 10%, but by no means is that, will I be continuing that for every single program. So, I think we can not worry about us walking away from this thing that we didn't really cut anything.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Yes, I mean, you know, I think the arts is critical for our county, and particularly for the environment that existed just pre-COVID. I think this year is going to be a really interesting year in terms of tourism and attracting people. Some of what the Chair's spoken about.

You know, we've heard about the possibility of a second wave. We're carefully watching the opening. We're looking at the numbers daily to make sure that activity doesn't create a spike. My understanding is that a lot of this was used for individual artists grants. And while that's been put on hold, or own, their own response, they said they would use this for advocacy for applying for grants and 2021 and then use the rest of this money, as the only funding for certain art programs that that might otherwise not receive anything.

You know, I'm approaching this very similar, Ken's earlier response just in terms of housing. You know, we heard earlier last, this month, or last month, the Executive started an initiative repurposing the CDBG money for \$180,000 Rent Assistance Program. And when you think about that in relation to 180,000 residents, I know there's dozens in each house, but I really am worried that we're going to face, you know, serious homelessness, both in terms of the renters and people facing losing their homes as a result, not just of increased taxes, but the rest of the circumstances facing them. So, I think we have to be pretty aggressive in terms of the way that we're approaching this, for this year only. I mean I hope that it puts us in a better place for next year, but just for this year. I'm very concerned, I think a 10% cut is too, is too little.

Chairwoman Archer: A 10% cut, just for everybody, so you know what numbers we're working with. They're currently at \$90K. 10% would take them to \$81K, they received \$84.5 last year.

And if we went with the third, a third, given that four months have been tied up with, you know, self-isolation, etc. That would be a \$30,000 cut. So, just so you have a frame of reference of the different funding points as we go forward.

And how we do this sets the tone for the next. Because we if we take this amount of time with each of these, not to say they're not important, but we've spent an inordinate amount of time. And what we cannot emphasize enough is that we continue to have, we are going to continue to have pressure on revenues, which is what supports some of these programs. And we've got people and in our communities that are not working, without jobs. So, I recognize that everybody's feeling the pain and I think that, that should hold true here, as well. So, I just said that for conversation.

Chair Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: The problem is as I've seen again and again when you start cutting the arts, they don't come back for quite a long time. The last time when they were cut back in 2006, it took 10 years before they started getting back to a, I mean, not 10 years, but about eight years before they actually started getting back to funding at a decent level. So, it doesn't happen overnight. And what ends up happening is, like I said, they stay cut. And that's what ends up happening. And we belittle the idea of what the arts really do. We can't just throw them away. And as legislator Walters pointed out, they are the only ones that do this. It's a coordinated effort. They coordinated all the art, they coordinate those artists throughout this County, no matter where they are. That's part of the job that they do. So, I, like Legislator Walter said, some of these that I have no reason to fund. In fact, I you know, there's new ones that were added last year, that I don't feel they needed to be added. I mean, if we were right, you know. I'm, you know, if we were fat with money, it'd be a different game, but we're not.

Legislator Archer: I think we've all kind of said some of the same things. I think we've got to get to the point now where we need to decide how we are going to move forward.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Legislator Walters made a motion for 10%, and I seconded it.

Legislator Walter: Can I just add one little thing? It is just that it's, I want to just add that it is an economic driver. That a lot of this.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Exactly.

Legislator Walter: They may be artists that don't have huge salaries, but that's their job here in this County. And some of these aren't supporting a lot of people, but this actually does support a lot of people, economically, as their jobs. So, I just wanted to add that piece because it hadn't been said. But yeah, I made that motion.

Chairwoman Archer: We have a motion on the table for a 10% cut.

Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Can I just ask a procedural question, and maybe I've missed something somewhere along the way, but originally this was done in a joint meeting of Ways and Means and Legislative Programs. And we were going to take it, on a night that's not on our regular agenda. And now we seem to be rushing through it, you know, prior to a public hearing, I just don't know where that came from.

Chairwoman Archer: Well, maybe I misunderstood, but we, based on that joint meeting. It was to be decided at the next meeting and what all we asked for was additional information from the organizations. There was never going to be a second special meeting, it was to be decided. And it was agreed by the Chair of Legislative Programs that this would be the deciding body to make the decisions on how we proceed, based on the feedback we got from the organizations.

Legislator Ronk: Okay, just on the amendment. I think it's too low, I'll be voting no. I tend to agree with Mary Beth. I think that 50% cut is a place to, you know, is I think a 50% cut is what we should be looking at with many of the organizations. I don't think all of them, I think that some of them should be eliminated completely this year. But, you know, we're going to have to do more with less. You know, we're likely going to have to have staffing cuts with at the County. And I'm not going to be able to look those employees in the eye and tell them, you know, sorry that we had to cut your \$30,000 position in, you know, a Recreation Department. But, you know, the arts are more important.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay on the. I'm sorry, on the resolution, for a 10% cut.

All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: So, I see two in favor. Dave and Eve.

Okay. All opposed?

Legislator Ronk: I'm opposed.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, so what, what do we believe is a number that we can live with. I'll make the I'll make a motion to do the one third, which would be 30,000, a \$30,000 cut.

Legislator Ronk: I'll put that up for discussion.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: How many artists go out on the street for that?

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Well, I mean I just, with all due respect, Chair Donaldson, I think you know we're trying to work through this. To suggest that artists are going to go out on the street, as you know, this is, these are, these are tough decisions. We may have employees that have to be let go.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Everybody's talking about people losing their houses and things like that. But they're not talking about how this affects these individuals.

Legislator Bartels: No doubt. I think we all take that, take that very seriously. I mean, much of what was funded with the Ulster County funding last year, in terms of the art programs, were performance related art. Which probably will not be allowed to happen this year, being realistic. It's very unlikely that we'll have theaters open, you know, large crowds. So, you know, I think, I think we're all struggling with this and it's a, it's a, it's a challenge. I mean it would certainly be easier to pick a number and then go from that number. But the problem is that, I think, you know, Chair Archer, to your point, I think this is going to be hard. I think we're going to go through each one, and it's going to be a struggle. There might be a couple that are super easy, because they're obvious, but most of them are going to be really difficult. Cutting, cutting is not, I don't take it lightly, and I take all the artists who are going to be affected by this very, very seriously. But I think there are a lot of things to consider.

Legislator Archer: And I'd like to remind everybody that it to a person, from the governor on down, everybody said this is going to be tough this year, but it's going to be even tougher next year. And so, I just, I just put it out there. Nobody wants to do this. But we're in this situation, we've got to make some tough decisions.

So, did I have a second on the one third?

Legislator Ronk: I seconded it.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. All in favor on the one-third?

Legislator Ronk: Okay, can I just say on the one-third, I still think it's too low, but I think that compromise is important and 30% is in the amount that I could live with this time.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. All in favor of the \$30,000,

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? We have two opposed?

Legislator Walter: Three.

Chairwoman Archer: John and Dave and Eve.

Motion passes. A \$30,000 reduction.

Okay, the next one.

Legislator Bartels: We have a Public Hearing.

Chairwoman Archer: Oh, okay.

Legislator Ronk: We have five more minutes.

Chairwoman Archer: We'll have to step out. I do plan on reconvening after the Public Hearing. So, for the members of Ways and Means.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: I'm just, since we have five more minutes, I figured we can, can we keep talking on this one, on Awareness.

Legislator Bartels: Can I just tell you my, I don't know if everybody's, but my, my phone is saying it's 6:05.

Legislator Ronk: Yeah, I was told the Public Hearing was at 6:10.

Legislator Bartels: I mean when I, when I

Legislator Haynes: 6:05, we got to go.

Clerk Fabella: We have three Public Hearings. We have three of them: 6:05, 6:10, 6:20

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: 6:05, right, right.

Legislator Walter: Okay. So, I guess we'll reconvene.

Chairwoman Archer: I'll take a motion to adjourn and reconvene after the Public Hearing.

Legislator Ronk: Can I ask the staff real quick and reconvening is going to be a problem.

Legislator Archer: They've already been notified. I gave them a heads up on this so.

Clerk Fabella: The problem is not, no, technically, it's not a problem. You know, there's notice things that are a little bit sketchy, because we've noticed caucus to start at a certain time, and we didn't, you know, we didn't say that we'd be reconvening. There's nothing illegal or anything like that about what we're doing. And technically we can do it.

Legislator Walter: Is it possible that somebody essentially stays on, so, that if anybody calls in or wants to, they will know that we'll be coming back?

Clerk Fabella: No we, we, with our license, we're allowed to run one meeting at a time.

Legislator Walter: Okay.

Legislator Ronk: Madam Chair?

Chairwoman Archer: Yes.

Legislator Ronk: Are you opposed to taking our, make our meeting earlier next week and take this discussion at that time?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I agree. I agree with that mindset, I think we should be doing that. I mean, and should instead of trying to rush through these things, it's not going to be easy to do.

Chairwoman Archer: So, to, we are not going to get them through them next week either. And at the end of the day I think you dragging this out.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: We'd have a special meeting on dealing with this. I think that's the way to go with it.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Thanks. I specifically said to start the meeting earlier, you know, perhaps four o'clock. And then that would give us the chance to get through them. It would give us two hours to get through them because we don't have that many things postponed to our next Ways and Means meeting either. So, I just feel like the responsible thing to do is to give ourselves that time.

Chairwoman Archer: Well, I thought the responsible thing to do would be to see this through and have the conversations. But will everyone be able to start early?

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: I just don't think, four, I'm, I'm, I'm okay with moving into earlier, but I think that four is not going to be enough time. I think we're going to be pressed, with all of our regular business. I'd rather move it earlier, I'd rather have it. I don't know, three o'clock, even 2:30, and then we take a break if we're done. Because I'd hate to get started and then have to cut ourselves off for regular business. I just feel like it would be.

Chairwoman Archer: Yeah, Legislator Haynes.

Legislator Haynes: You know, I, I have a day job. You know, so, and I'm not saying that other people don't, but I had planned to reconvene as per our agenda, and that's what I'd like to. I, I feel like we've been kicking this down the road long enough sorry, know it's going to be a long haul.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Heppner.

Legislator Heppner: I just wanted to point out we did have a Democratic Caucus scheduled this evening. I'm willing to move it. If it's the will of, you know, the Ways and Means Committee to reconvene. But I just need to know so I can let our caucus members know, out of respect to them.

Chairwoman Archer: Yeah, thank you.

Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Well, that that changes it a little. I mean I was going to either suggest we reconvene, and then if we still run out of time before the caucus, have a separate time scheduled for this as opposed to extending the Ways and Means, but that changes, if we are going to not caucus. So.

Chairwoman Archer: I would prefer to reconvene, that's why we gave everybody a week's a notification on this. That we really wanted to get through this, and I just feel it's fair to all the organizations that submitted their all the questions we've asked and the information we've requested. I think we need to, we need to come to some resolution.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Thanks. I don't know that I'll be able to reconvene with you, so, I won't be able to participate in the conversation. You know, and if that's the will, then that's the will.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: We've got a Public Hearing. We got to move on this.

Chairwoman Archer: Yeah, let's...

Legislator Ronk: I mean, talking about day jobs. I'm at work right now but I'm taking this time away, you know, to do this. The Assembly is in session. They weren't expected to be in session until, you know, well after the week notice that you gave that you intended to reconvene. So, it is what it is.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. We're going to end up with someone not here because if it's not today, it's going to be next Tuesday, and it's going to be the same issue. So, I leave it to the majority.

Legislator Gavaris. Let hear your opinion.

Legislator Gavaris: So maybe the way to do this is, since we're going to have so many different opinions, is to create an Excel sheet that we all can work off of. We can put in our, what we're comfortable with doing, and see how many people are on board. And just like Legislator Ronk did before, he compromised it went to 30% or 33% for his low, where he was really at 50%. He may be able to jump on board if we do that in advance of next week's meeting, we do meet at four o'clock. We may have enough time to get through them.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I think, I think that's a good idea.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, I will I will put a, I made recommendation at the beginning, which is either zero, 10%, or a third of the funding and, you know, we'll, try to put something out there and have everybody take a look at it.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: With all due respect, you don't make that decision.

Chairwoman Archer: I'm not making it. I offered it up as an alternative Chairman Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'm talking about what John said makes sense. We do a spreadsheet with what they're funded right now, and then everybody put in what they should be funded at, or where they want to do the cuts, they want to make it at zero or if they want to be 50 percent, or whatever that may be. Let them make that decision. I don't think it should be a 10 or a third. That's up to each individual. So, I think that makes the most sense because then we could actually come before. And we'll have something there. And I mean some of them, like Legislator Bartels pointed, out some of them may be no-brainers for a lot of us, and so, yeah, we definitely got to cut that. So, that would give us at least idea. And we'd have, we'd have something before us. And I think that makes the most sense. And that way we can probably get through it if we needed four o'clock.

Chairwoman Archer: All right. I will take a motion to adjourn. We'll reconvene on this matter next Tuesday, at 4:00.

Legislator Bartels: I move.

Legislator Gavaris: I move.